



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Governor

MARK N. MAURIELLO
Acting Commissioner

January 12, 2009

Mr. Allan J. Steinberg, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Raritan Bay Slag Site Nomination for National
Priorities List of Superfund Sites

Dear Mr. Steinberg:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) nominates two areas along Raritan Bay in Old-Bridge Township and Sayreville Borough as the Raritan Bay Slag site for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund Sites. DEP recommends the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region II's Emergency and Remedial Response Division act on this request during Federal Fiscal Year 2009.

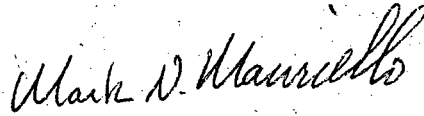
EPA became aware of the Raritan Bay Slag site when DEP submitted the Laurence Harbor seawall portion of the site in a letter dated April 24, 2008 for federal removal action consideration due to uncontrolled lead contamination that remains within the seawall and on a portion of a public beach. Subsequently, DEP added a jetty area on the Cheesequake Creek for removal action consideration.

EPA is assessing the areas of the Raritan Bay Slag site referred for removal action and completed sampling in fall 2008. Due to the scope of remedial work anticipated, it is appropriate for the site to be proposed for the NPL.

DEP appreciates the opportunity to participate in the decision making process to nominate this site for NPL status and is looking forward to future cooperation with EPA in further remedial work at this site.

If you have any questions, please call me at 609-292-2885.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark N. Mauriello".

Mark Mauriello
Acting Commissioner

C: George Pavlou, Deputy Administrator, EPA Region II
Michael Jacobs, Business Administrator, Old Bridge Township
Jeff Bertrand, Administrator, Sayreville Borough